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These Things We Note

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Along the Deschutes the sumac leaves are red without the aid of frost that will also turn the few poplars the brilliant fall yellow. The wind blows in gusts as if warning the late fisherman that his days on the river are limited and that he must soon turn it back to the beaver and the coon.

T T W N

Now they are training yell leaders. Oh, well, what's the use of having an education unless you can yell about it?

T T W N

A man at 100 has seen his first TV show. Well, he won't have to look at many of them.

T T W N

Don't you believe there will never be another depression. There will be because, even with the machinery, folks aren't working enough.

T T W N

Anent the power debate anyone knows that whoever builds new dams will have to pay more than was paid for Bonneville which was almost a relief project. Also Bonneville got advantage of a huge—and fictitious—allotment for navigation.

T T W N

This being newspaper week it may be proper to say that an editor is a public worrier, a reporter a public tattle tale and an advertiser a public benefactor.

T T W N

When are those who handle firearms going to learn to keep them empty when not actually hunting with them?

T T W N

We saw a man with an overcoat on today. If top coats come can mufflers be far behind?

T T W N

It isn't enough that one be a citizen of the United States and able and experienced to get a job, one must also belong to a union and pay for the privilege of getting a job. Unions should have more confidence in the equity of their side and use less coercion.

T T W N

The normal attitude of congressmen from other areas will be to do nothing about northwest power as long as two factions are fighting.

T T W N

Regardless of what the stock market does it is likely that the era of booming business is coming to an end. It was based on confidence that sensible government would continue.

T T W N

It's going to hurt a lot of Portlanders to have their new recreation center outside the business area, but the city has to outgrow its original 100 blocks sometime.

T T W N

Being either right or wrong has its drawbacks but either is better than being neither.

T T W N

Had President Eisenhower been hospitalized for bad kidneys or an upset stomach there would be no talk about his being all through.

T T W N

While this is "newspaper week" it might be proper to say that the public's right to know does not remove the newspaper's duty to obtain.

T T W N

We note with pleasure that the Oregonian's B. Mike or some of his peripatetic purveyors of comment have broadened their view point by a visit to Biggs Junction. Both Biggs Junction and Portland will be improved thereby.

T T W N

The magazine Fortnight in its last issue had a fine article about Herman Oliver and this issue has a story about Chief Tommy Thompson and Celilo. That's getting close to home.

T T W N

We can think of more political hopefuls who have talked their way out of consideration than we can think of those who lost because of silence.

T T W N

Of course we can refer to the files of this newspaper and find out what we were worrying about a year ago but we would like to remember it without reference. It seems downright disrespectful of a first rate worry to forget it so soon.

School Problems Being Solved By Favorable Opinions

John Shuler, bond attorney of Portland, has approved the proceedings for the organization of the Union High school district comprising Kent, Grass Valley and Moro districts and has also approved the bond election that was held subsequently. This means that all proceedings to date have Mr. Shuler's O. K.

It will now be possible for the district to advertise the sale of its bonds and it is probable that bids will be opened at the November meeting of the Union High school board. It is possible that high school students will have a new building at the beginning of the 1956-57 term.

Fashion Show Due For 4-H Girls

"Flight into Fashion with the 4-H Club Modern Miss" will be staged at the Moro high school auditorium Friday, October 7, at 1:00 p. m. The public is invited to attend this hour long fashion show, which is sponsored by the extension service. Mrs. Winnifred Gillen, state 4-H club agent will bring this wardrobe to Moro and girls of the high school will model the garments.

Church Women Will Meet October 12

The women's society of the Moro Presbyterian church will meet Wednesday, October 12, at the home of Mrs. Theodore Johnston, with Mrs. Floyd Platt and Mrs. Earl Gentry assisting. Dessert will be served at 1:30 p. m. The program will be directed by Mrs. Andrew Paulson and Mrs. Gwen Matteson, co-chairmen of Christian education work. All ladies interested in the work of the church either locally or world-wide, are cordially invited to attend.

George Bell Officers Installed October 2

About thirty attended the potluck dinner and installation of officers for the George Bell post No. 49 and the auxiliary of the American Legion at the Kent Legion hall Sunday October 2. The tables were beautifully decorated with fall flowers. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Crapper and daughter, Geraldine, from Hood River, district 5 commander and president. Mrs. Crapper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Climmyott of Lyle, Wn., and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Hansen and son, David, of Hood River.

Following the dinner the meeting was opened by vice-commander, Clair Balzer who turned the meeting over to the auxiliary for installation of officers. Mrs. Earl Lyons was installed as president; Mrs. Frank von Borstel, treasurer; Mrs. Clair Balzer, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. E. Norton, historian; officers not present were Mrs. Harry Howell, first vice-president; Mrs. Hans Bardenhagen, second vice-president; Mrs. Robert Tatum, secretary; Mrs. J. W. Blagg, chaplain; Mrs. Bill Alsup, sergeant-at-arms and Mrs. C. W. Fields, junior past president. Installing officer was Mrs. Harvey Crapper, district president and Mrs. Ernie Hansen installing sergeant-at-arms.

Officers appointed as committee chairmen were Mrs. Arzell Lemley, Americanism and poppy poster; Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, child welfare; Mrs. Donald Clodfelter, constitution and by-laws; Mrs. Robert Schilling, community service; Mrs. Donald von Borstel, girls' state; Mrs. Frank von Borstel, legislative; Mrs. Wallace May, membership; Mrs. Max Brown, music; Mrs. J. W. Blagg, national security; Mrs. Louis Sather, past president; Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mrs. Harry Hooper, Mrs. Arzell Lemley and Mrs. C. W. Fields, poppy committee; Mrs. Robert Tatum, publicity; Mrs. Earl Lyons, public relations; Mrs. Sadie Alley, radio; Mrs. Hans Bardenhagen, rehabilitation; Mrs. C. W. Fields, sickness and relief; Mrs. Frank Says, ways and means.

The meeting was turned back to the Legion and to District Commander Harvey Crapper as installing officer and Ernie Hansen as installing sergeant-at-arms. Clair Balzer was installed as commander; Ben Maxfield substituted for George Helms as first vice-commander; George Geiser, second vice-commander; J. E. Norton, adjutant; Frank von Borstel, finance officer; Harold Owens, chaplain; Bill Alsup, sergeant-at-arms was not present. After installation they spent the rest of the afternoon visiting.

Moro Wins By Narrow Margin From Lone Boys

The Moro Huskies squeaked past the Lone Cardinals last Friday by the closest of margins to win 7-6 in a game not remarkable for sparkling play on either side. Ione scored in the first quarter when Rea went over from the five yard line after Sherar had helped out the ball that near the Moro end zone. A previous touchdown had been called back on a penalty. The kick was blocked by the Moro line which came through.

Neither team could make consistent yardage partly through fumbles and penalties.

Moro's touchdown came in the fourth quarter after Roy Cyphers had intercepted an Ione pass and ran it back to the seven yard line before being shoved out and the point was made to end the scoring.

Brady was a strong man in the Moro line and the ends, Olson and Brown were in most of the plays especially on defense. Rodda and Rolfe made the yardage after Kirkelle went out from his full-back spot after another twist to his previously injured ankle.

The team goes to Harrisburg this week for a game there and returns home for the next game against Redmond JVs a week later.



Marion Weatherford, chairman of the Oregon Wheat Commission who told members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce last week about the problems of the wheat farmer and made a plea for support of the wheat league's two price plan, one of many being considered by farm planners.

Weed Control Aid Ending; Farmers Urged To Utilize Assistance While Available

Farmers are reminded that 1955 is the last year that federal cost sharing for application of weed control materials will be made. Farmers desiring assistance should make application through the county ASC office and carry out the practice before December 31 of this year.

Federal cost sharing is allowed for eradication or control of morning glory, Canada thistle, white top and Russian knapweed. Assistance is given for only the soil sterilant materials this year which would include sodium chlorate, atalacide boratechlorate mixtures and carbon bisulphide. Assistance amounts to 50% of the cost of the chemicals.

This is the last year in the foreseeable future that assistance of this nature will be given and it seems that all farmers with any perennial weed problem should take part in this program.

There are some questions about mixing hexachlorobenzene with the mercurial chemicals for wheat seed treatment. According to Doctor C. S. Holton, USDA, smut specialist, some companies are advertising mixtures of the two materials with the inference that the combination treatment is recommended by Pacific Northwest Wheat Researchers.

Mixing of hexachlorobenzene with any other compound for smut control is not recommended in Oregon. Dr. Holton indicates that all mixtures of other fungicides with hexachlorobenzene so far have reduced the effectiveness of the material in controlling smut.

Whenever the owner of a perfected water right fails to use the water appropriated for a period of five successive years the right ceases to exist and failure to use will be presumed to be an abandonment of water right.

Rain Average But Distribution Poor This Crop Season

Although farmers are in general waiting for rain enough to assure seeding the county has an average amount of precipitation for this time of year. In September we had .72 inch which is .06 above normal and so far in October .30 has fallen, most of it this week. That is a total of 1.02 inches. The rain, however, has come in small showers that have not wet down nearly as far as one good, consecutive rain would have done. Some fields have been sown and there is sufficient moisture in nearly all fields in some places, not enough in others.

New Wheat Treatment Found Desirable

The new wheat treatment material Hexachlorobenzene, more easily remembered as HCB, is being used by many farmers this year, says Bill Hall, station superintendent. In smut trials throughout the Pacific Northwest HCB has proven to be as effective as mercury compounds, such as Ceresan and Agrox, for the control of seed borne smut spores. It has been more effective in controlling smut that is believed to be present in the soil at seeding time.

HCB has other advantages. It is not as disagreeable to work with. Seed does not have to stand 24 hours after treatment before seeding. It can be applied at higher rates without damage or injury to seed germination. Treated seed can be stored from one year to the next without injury to the seed.

There are also some disadvantages. HCB is effective only against stinking smut or bunt of wheat. (This is the locally known smut problem.) HCB will not control other smuts such as loose smut of wheat, barley or oats. Neither will it protect the seed from soil fungi such as seedling blights and damping-off. Fortunately these other diseases are not a serious problem in this area. There is no advantage however in treating oats or barley with HCB. There has been some confusion about the statement HCB is recommended only for bunt and not smut. This is because in other areas the "stinking smut" that we have in our wheat is called bunt. They know smut as the loose smut of barley and oats.

The recommended rate of application for HCB is one ounce to the bushel. Where smut has been severe the past year, or where spores have blown on to a field to be seeded this fall, two ounces of HCB will not injure the seed and should give better smut control than the one ounce rate.

Agricultural Data Shows Sherman's Farms Larger

The preliminary agricultural census of Sherman county has been released and it shows some material changes since 1950. Number of farms is down to 265 from 495,225 from 492,293 which makes the average size farm 1,868.8 compared to 1,790.2 five years ago. The 1950 census contained 1949 farm figures.

Acres of crop land in farm is now 140,634 instead of 127,988 and there are 220 farms over 200 acres instead of 219. There are 23 farms between 100 to 199 acres and the remainder of the farms are smaller. There is 7,605 acres of crop land used for pasture compared to 15,338 in 1950.

Forty six farms have improved pasture of 3,549 acres and 21 farms have irrigated land instead of 16 five years ago. In acres 602 are now irrigated compared to 322. Residing on farms are 224 operators whereas there were 238 and 39 farmers work off their farms instead of 62 in 1949.

There are 711 motor trucks compared to 468, 595 tractors compared to 346, 402 automobiles compared to 308. For gasoline and similar fuels and oil farmers spent \$361,558 in 1954 and \$235,476 in 1949. Using commercial fertilizer were 130 farms for which \$235,338 was spent. There was 1537 tons used on 53,214 acres.

Horses now number 543 instead of 560, cattle 13,499 instead of 11,299, hogs 878 instead of 1285, sheep 1879 instead of 1197, chickens 8673 instead of 8373.

Of tree fruits, nuts, grapes, etc. there were 11 farms reporting compared to 56 five years ago and in acres there were 166 instead of 172 although plots of less than half an acre were not reported in 1949. The greatest amount was peaches and apricots.

Reduction in number of farms and increase in size has been the usual story in the 1955 farm census reports and Sherman county follows that trend. Cropland harvested being larger does not reflect the bigger cuts under the 1938 farm plan.

Sam Coon Coming Tuesday, Oct. 18

Congressman Coon will be in Moro Tuesday, October 18 at 8:00 p. m. in the evening to speak at the school house, a meeting to which everyone is invited.

Sponsor of the meeting is the Sherman County club which has invited Mr. Coon to come and talk to those of his constituents who live in Sherman county about the problems of government. He is this week still engaged in a series of debates on his John Day dam bill.

Rufus Grange Has Big Booster Night

Booster night was observed at the Rufus grange Saturday evening with a good attendance. Harland McDonald, master, opened the meeting, and then presented Mrs. Will Huck, lecturer who was in charge of the program.

The hall was attractively decorated in fir boughs and cuttings of fall colored vine maple leaves. (The Hucks made a trip to Odell to get the decorations.) Rose colored asters in baskets were used about the room, making a pretty setting for the occasion.

A seating drill of the officers opened the program followed by a prayer by Mrs. Charles Blake, chaplain. The colors were presented and the "Star Spangled Banner" sung.

Rolland Johnson spoke for agriculture; Bill Huck on community service; George Fox legislation and Mrs. Rolland Johnson, home economics club.

There was a reading of the national master's Booster night message by Harland McDonald, who then introduced the grange officers.

A song "I'm Glad We Belong to the Grange" accompanied by Carmen Roysse and sung by Atlee Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. George Fox, Mrs. Sadie Rich and Bill Huck.

Joseph Guttridge, state grange deputy, recently appointed for this part of eastern Oregon, talked on the purpose and origin of the grange. Jeanne Macnab played a piano solo, "The Spinning Wheel". Merry Drinkard gave a vocal solo, "The Loveliest Night of the Year" accompanied by Carmen Roysse, Carmen played a piano solo, "By The Sea".

Weather Modifiers Will Continue 'Rain Making' In This Area

The Weather Modification company holders of Oregon state license No. 14 located at Condon, Oregon at the request of the farmer's organization the Tri-County Weather Research association of Condon will attempt to increase the precipitation from natural storms and to reduce the intensity of damaging rain and hail storms. The seeding of chemicals will be released from the ground and aircraft. The main nucleating agents will be silver iodide crystals, however other agents will be used such as dry ice and various chlorides to further the cause of basic research and development.

The operations will continue until August 31, 1956 and will effect all or sections of Sherman county.

Joe Bibby Presides At Grass Valley PTA

About fifty attended the PTA meeting held at the school Friday night. Joe Bibby, president presided. Several problems were under discussion, one was the problem of having lawn around the school house. This was followed by a program in charge of Mrs. Orville Ruggles consisting of a tap dance, "Ragtime Cowboy Joe" by Julia Bayer and Alfa Jean Payne vocal solo "His Hand" and "The Bible Tells Be So" by Karen Kelly; accordion solo "Singing in the Rain" and "Quick Silver" by Deanna Martin; vocal duet "So Lonely" and "Lonn Mankura" by Karen Kelly and Orville Ruggles; trumpet duet, "Glowworm" by Everett and Gene Cantrall; vocal solo "Song of Songs" and "The Lady and the Fly" by Al Willett; piano solo, "Moonlight Sonata" by Peggy Reckman; piano solo, "Deep Purple" by Mrs. Joe Bibby.

Beef Commission Plan Being Considered

A beef commission may be the answer to sagging cattle prices, reports Lawrence Kenny, Moro stockman.

Kenny attended the Oregon Cattlemen's association executive committee meeting last week in Prineville where representatives of Oregon's cattle producers continued their study of marketing problems. He said a committee was appointed to iron out technicalities of Oregon's commodity enabling act which make it difficult to form a livestock commission.

Kenny is OCA executive committee man from Sherman county.

Wasco Auxiliary Plans Fall Session

Mrs. Grace Medler, president, presided when the Wasco American Legion auxiliary met Monday afternoon in the little Legion hall. The Moro auxiliary will be contacted about a joint installation.

Past presidents' pins have been given to most all former presidents of the Wasco auxiliary. The hospital bed the Wasco unit owns is missing. The president would like any information as to its whereabouts, as the bed is needed now in this area. The unit has a wheel chair. The unit voted to send \$3 to the Mae Whitcomb memorial fund to be used for scholarships. The auxiliary plans a silent auction at the next meeting. Mrs. Dewey Thomas and Mrs. Margaret Blau were appointed on the committee. Each member is asked to bring an item to be sold, such as a gift, produce or baked goods.

The members were reminded to bring their gifts for the hospital's Christmas gift shop at the next meeting. Bring a gift for an adult and also one for a child.

Sherman county's home extension agent, Mrs. Ina Hansen, visited the unit. She said work was under way for some organized groups which will start soon. The date and place will be announced later.

Mrs. Grace Medler brought the traveling basket and gave it to Mrs. Margaret Blau.

After the meeting adjourned, Carol Grant, this year's Girl State representative, gave a very interesting and inspiring account of her week spent at Girls State in Salem last June. Carol is a senior at Rufus high school and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grant of Rufus. The hostesses serving refreshments this day were Mrs. Margaret Watkins and Mrs. Ira Fridley.

Taxes Higher For Coming Year; Statements Soon

Sherman county property owners will be called upon in mid-November to pay \$541,120 in taxes to Sheriff Fields.

They will donate \$74,072 to the general fund, \$118,515 to the road fund, \$260,735 to the rural school fund, \$54,619 to the Union High school district, \$18,335 to special school fund, \$14,843 to cities, the largest amount ever lifted from taxpayers' pockets in one annual take.

Top millage rate will be in Moro where 84 mills will be paid. At Wasco it will be 70.3 and at Grass Valley 66.2. The basic rate is 45.9 but special taxes will increase this except in Biglow, Rufus and Emigrant Springs districts.

One consolation taxpayers have is that assessments are low. Land that is tilled has an average assessable valuation of \$21.21. Horses are worth \$20.40, cattle \$21.97, sheep \$3.19 and swine \$6.41, non-tilled land \$1.52.

Land inside cities has a total valuation of \$54,260, up a little; buildings in cities are valued at \$370,120, down from \$410,530 and structural improvements outside towns are valued at \$716,680, up from \$616,270.

Movable machinery and equipment is worth \$44,340, up from \$18,730; merchandise is assessed at \$146,690, down from \$149,530; farm implements are assessed at \$697,650, up from \$671,460. There are a few more horses, more cattle and slightly more sheep and swine but fewer hens.

Reason for the raise in taxes is in the school tax which is up to \$335,042 from \$245,637 last year. The road tax totals \$118,515 instead of \$108,214 and the city tax is down from \$17,374 to \$14,843.

Taxable value of the county has been placed at \$9,876,329 by Assessor Clair Balzer who had it fixed at \$9,708,483 for the last tax year. Utility valuation is \$1,550,659 up from \$1,500,743 and the tax on utilities will be \$79,189 instead of \$64,239 although the percentage they will pay has dropped from 14.9 to 14.6.

As usual taxpayers with money can obtain a three percent deduction by paying promptly but they won't save anything actually for this rebate has already been figured in.

Ina Hanson Going To Regional Meet

Ina B. Hanson, Sherman county extension agent, will attend the National Home Demonstration Agents convention being held in Seattle, October 9-13. Mrs. Hanson who is alternate regional counselor for the western region will assist other members of the Oregon delegation in preparing the Friendship party to be held at the Olympic hotel.

Feeder Sale To Be Held In The Dalles

October 26, has been set for the feeder calf sale to be held at Wink's Auction Yard in The Dalles, County Agent Thompson reports. Cattlemen from Sherman, Klickitat and Wasco counties are invited. The sale is sponsored by the Wasco County Cattlemen's association.

Sherman countians desiring to participate should make immediate application through county agents in the three counties or Wink's in The Dalles. Any number of feeder cattle may be consigned by one individual. Animals will be culled and sorted by weight for the sale.

Two dollars a head charges will be made to sell feeders. This will include 50 cents per head for advertising and \$1.50 per head for auctioneer fees and yardage. Hay charges will be extra.

Rufus Group Sees Amateur Tableau

A tableau, "The Country Fair" with Mrs. George Fox as reader was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Neal, Joel and Monya.

The group sang, "America". A contest between Rolland Johnson George Fox to see who could don some clothes tied to a clothesline. One end of the line was held by a person and the other tied around the men's waists who in turn rolled their way until they came to a garment and after putting it on without untying it, then rolled their way until they came to the next garment. George Fox was winner and the prize was a band leader monkey. Mrs. Harland McDonald was chairman of the refreshments; there were sandwiches, potato chips, cake, coffee and punch.